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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – JULY 2006

	PERCENT CHANGE - ALL ITEMS INDEX	
	JULY 06/JULY 05	JULY 06/ JUNE 06
MANITOBA	2.5	0.4
CANADA	2.4	0.1

The Manitoba all items index rose 2.5% in July 2006 compared with July 2005, up from the June annual rate of 2.4%. Canada's annual rate of price increase in July was 2.4%, down from its June rate of 2.5%.

Chart 1 presents a summary of price changes for Manitoba and Canada over the last two years. The method of calculation shown in Chart 1 is the most widely used, and is often referred to by the media as the **"inflation rate"**. It is based on the percent change between the current month and the same month the previous year.

Manitoba's annual inflation rate of 2.5% in July was sixth lowest among the provinces. Alberta recorded the highest increase at 4.3% while Ontario recorded the lowest rate at 1.9%. The Winnipeg all items index was 2.4% in July, unchanged from an annual rate of 2.4% in June.

Between July 2005 and July 2006, Manitoba saw lower prices for recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles), men's clothing, women's clothing, traveller accommodation, clothing accessories and jewellery, property taxes (including special charges) as well as furniture. These declines were more than offset by higher prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, food purchased from restaurants, natural gas, replacement cost, mortgage interest cost, and inter-city transportation.

On a monthly basis, the Manitoba all-items index rose 0.4% in July, after increasing by 0.1% in June. Prices were lower last month for the purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles, men's clothing, electricity, telephone services, sugar & confectionery, processed meat, as well as automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs. These declines were offset by increases in gasoline, women's clothing, fresh fruit, other food preparations, inter-city transportation, fresh vegetables, and mortgage interest cost. Overall, prices at the national level increased by 0.1% in July, up from the 0.2% decrease in June.

CHART 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MONTHLY INFLATION RATE
MANITOBA AND CANADA

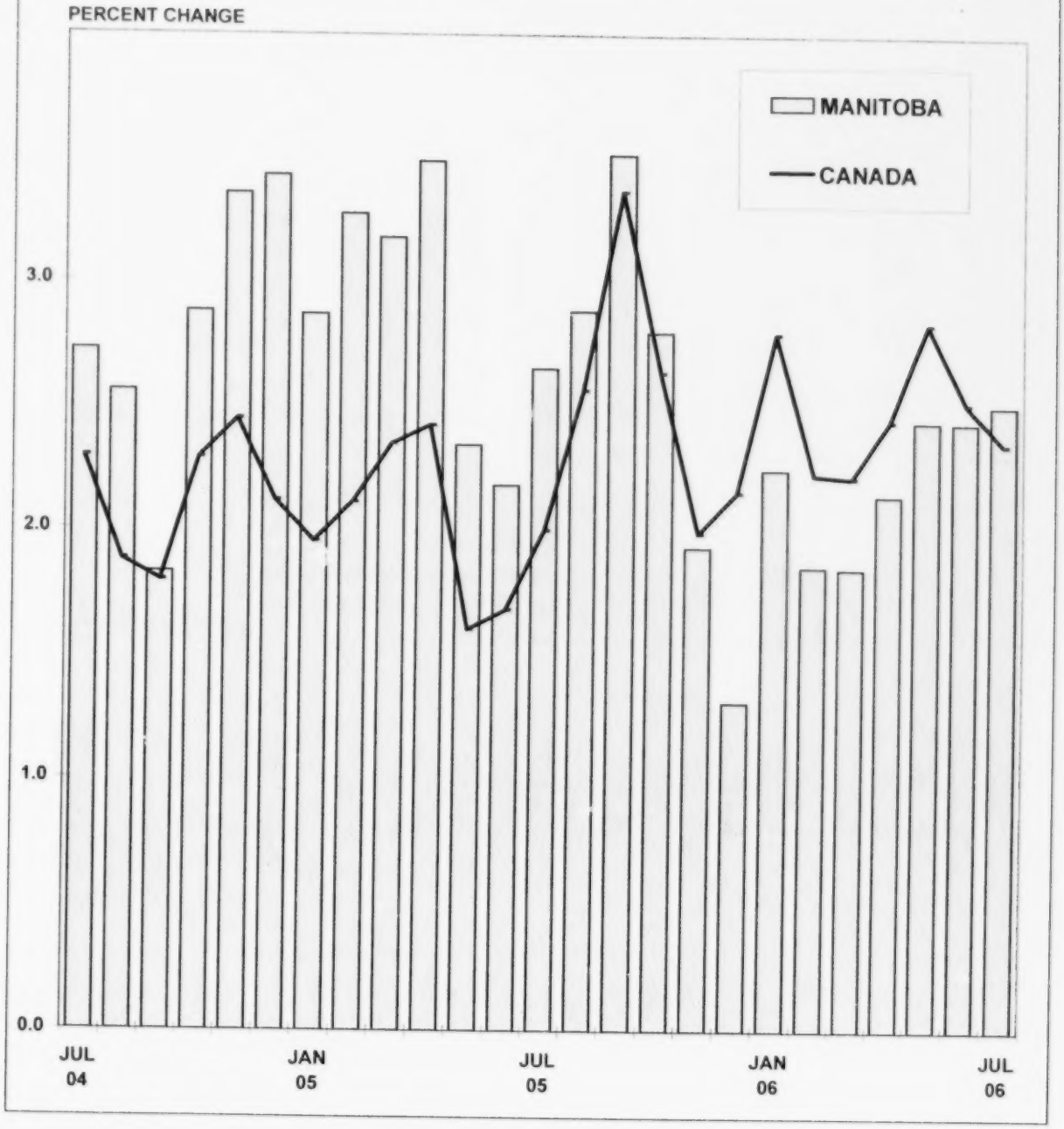

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CHART 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDICES
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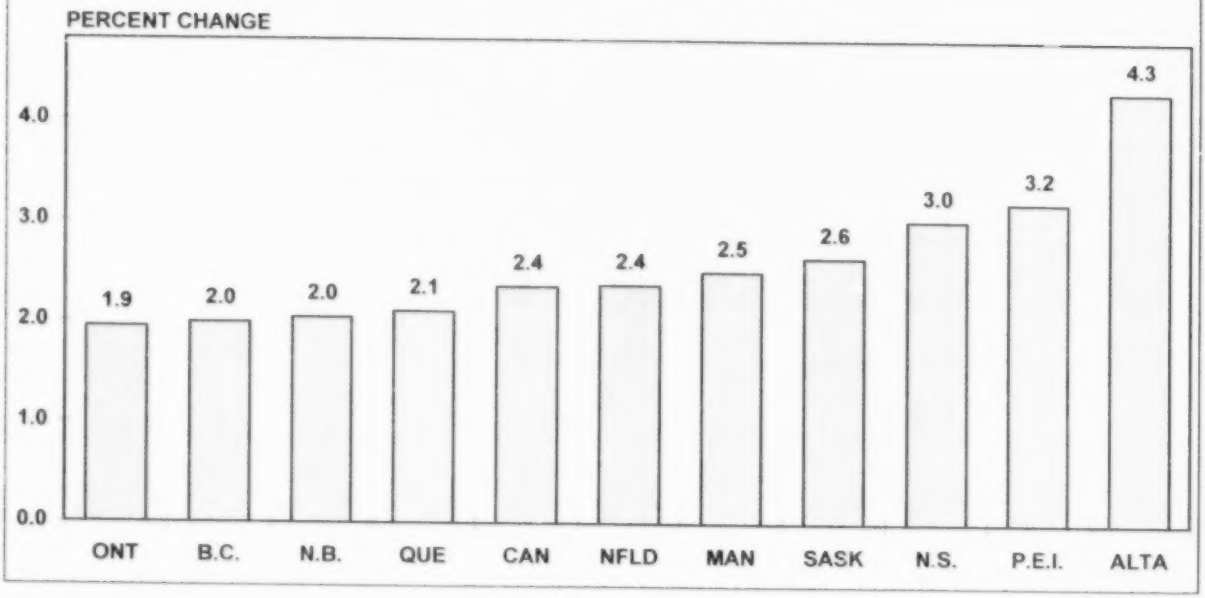
ALL ITEMS: CANADA AND PROVINCES



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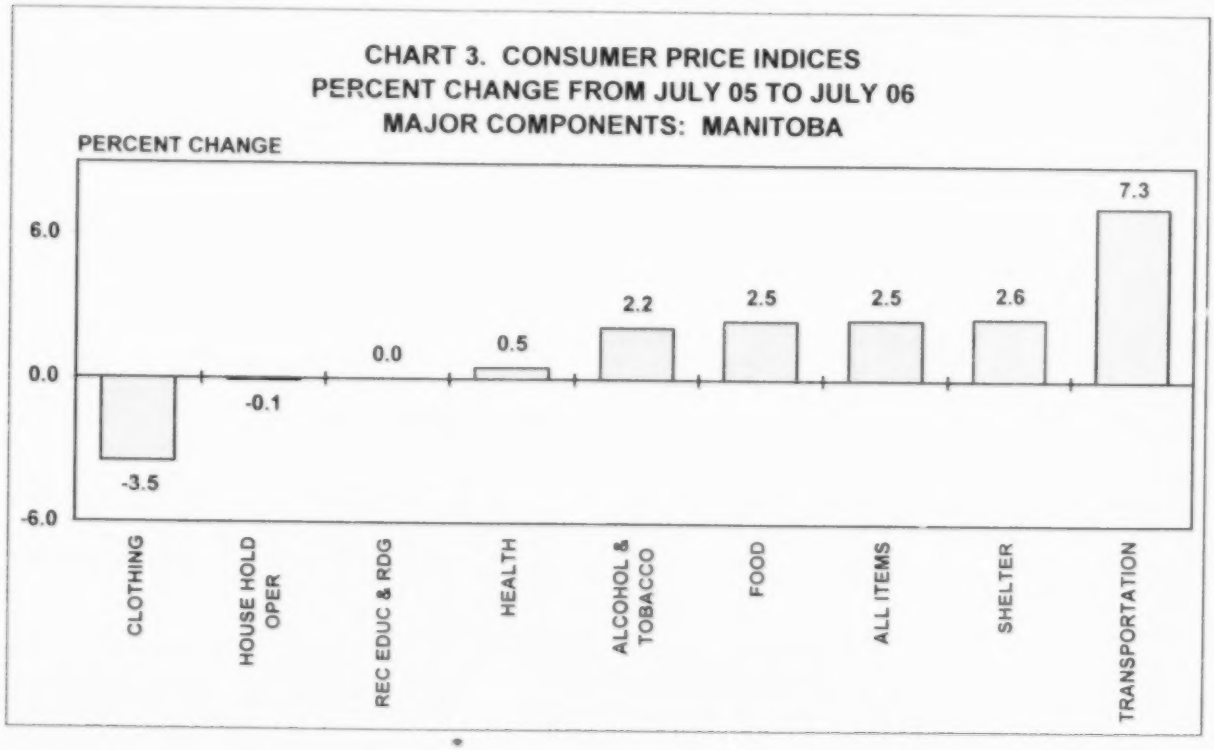

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TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2006

(1992 = 100)

	MANITOBA					CANADA				
	JUL 06	JUN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 06	JUN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MAIN COMPONENTS:										
ALL ITEMS	135.0	134.5	0.4	131.7	2.5	130.5	130.4	0.1	127.5	2.4
FOOD	137.6	136.4	0.9	134.3	2.5	131.4	131.4	0.0	128.6	2.2
SHELTER	130.9	131.0	-0.1	127.6	2.6	128.8	128.4	0.3	124.5	3.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	123.7	124.3	-0.5	123.8	-0.1	115.4	116.2	-0.7	115.7	-0.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	111.5	110.5	0.9	115.5	-3.5	98.4	99.0	-0.6	100.9	-2.5
TRANSPORTATION	158.0	156.4	1.0	147.3	7.3	159.0	157.7	0.8	150.3	5.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	127.5	127.5	0.0	126.9	0.5	122.1	122.6	-0.4	121.5	0.5
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	126.2	126.3	-0.1	126.2	0.0	127.9	127.9	0.0	128.5	-0.5
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	156.5	156.6	-0.1	153.2	2.2	150.2	150.5	-0.2	147.7	1.7
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:										
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	134.4	134.1	0.2	131.1	2.5	130.4	130.2	0.2	127.4	2.4
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	129.0	129.1	-0.1	127.3	1.3	125.2	125.4	-0.2	123.5	1.4
ENERGY	186.8	182.4	2.4	167.4	11.6	184.0	179.4	2.6	166.3	10.6
GOODS	132.1	131.2	0.7	128.4	2.9	125.1	124.8	0.2	122.4	2.2
SERVICES	138.1	138.1	0.0	135.2	2.1	136.6	136.5	0.1	133.3	2.5

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TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2006

(1992 = 100)

	ALL ITEMS					FOOD				
	JUL 06	JUN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 05	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 06	JUN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	JUL 05	PERCENT CHANGE
MANITOBA	135.0	134.5	0.4	131.7	2.5	137.6	136.4	0.9	134.3	2.5
WESTERN PROVINCES										
SASKATCHEWAN	135.9	135.6	0.2	132.4	2.6	128.8	127.6	0.9	125.4	2.7
ALBERTA	140.8	138.9	1.4	135.0	4.3	130.3	129.4	0.7	127.1	2.5
BRITISH COLUMBIA	128.2	128.1	0.1	125.7	2.0	128.9	128.3	0.5	126.8	1.7
EASTERN PROVINCES										
ONTARIO	130.9	131.3	-0.3	128.4	1.9	131.5	132.1	-0.5	129.5	1.5
QUEBEC	126.2	126.0	0.2	123.6	2.1	134.0	134.3	-0.2	130.4	2.8
MARITIME PROVINCES										
NEW BRUNSWICK	130.1	130.5	-0.3	127.5	2.0	130.9	130.3	0.5	127.3	2.8
NOVA SCOTIA	133.3	133.0	0.2	129.4	3.0	134.1	133.3	0.6	129.7	3.4
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	132.4	132.2	0.2	128.3	3.2	130.2	129.9	0.2	125.5	3.7
NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR	129.6	129.4	0.2	126.6	2.4	126.2	125.7	0.4	123.2	2.4
* MANITOBA RANK			9		6			9		4

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* Ranking is done in ascending order from the lowest to the highest

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TABLE 3: PERCENT CHANGE COMPARISONS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

(AS OF JULY 2006)

	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR		(2) CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE		(3) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE	
MAIN COMPONENTS	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA	MANITOBA	CANADA
ALL ITEMS	2.5	2.4	4.3	1.5	2.3	2.5
FOOD	2.5	2.2	12.5	4.4	1.2	2.1
SHELTER	2.6	3.5	1.5	3.5	3.4	3.5
HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS AND FURNISHINGS	-0.1	-0.3	-1.3	-3.4	0.7	0.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	-3.5	-2.5	8.3	-9.2	-3.0	-1.3
TRANSPORTATION	7.3	5.8	5.2	1.3	6.1	5.4
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	0.5	0.5	0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.6
RECREATION, EDUCATION AND READING	0.0	-0.5	2.6	4.2	-0.3	-0.2
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	2.2	1.7	0.3	-1.3	2.1	2.3
SPECIAL AGGREGATES:						
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.9	2.6	2.6
ALL ITEMS EXCL. FOOD AND ENERGY	1.3	1.4	0.6	0.0	1.4	1.5
ENERGY	11.6	10.6	16.5	8.9	12.0	12.0
GOODS	2.9	2.2	6.0	0.0	2.4	2.7
SERVICES	2.1	2.5	2.6	3.3	2.3	2.3

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NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO MEASURE THE ANNUAL PERCENT CHANGE OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE INFLATION RATE. THE ABOVE TABLE PRESENTS THREE DIFFERENT METHODS:

(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) PROVIDES A MEASURE OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION. THE GROWTH RATE OVER THE PRECEEDING THREE MONTHS IS CALCULATED AND THEN COMPOUNDED AT AN ANNUAL RATE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE CALCULATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED.

(3) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JULY 2006: ALL ITEMS

(1992 = 100)

	JUL 06	JUN 06	PERCENT CHANGE	(1) CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	(2) 12 - MONTH ANNUAL RATE
WINNIPEG	134.9	134.5	0.3	2.4	2.3
WESTERN CITIES					
REGINA	136.5	136.2	0.2	2.3	2.0
SASKATOON	135.1	134.8	0.2	2.7	2.3
CALGARY	143.0	140.5	1.8	5.2	3.6
EDMONTON	137.5	136.0	1.1	3.3	3.1
VANCOUVER	128.8	128.5	0.2	2.0	1.8
VICTORIA	128.2	128.0	0.2	1.8	2.0
EASTERN CITIES					
THUNDER BAY	127.9	128.3	-0.3	1.8	2.1
TORONTO	130.8	131.3	-0.4	1.7	2.2
OTTAWA	132.7	133.1	-0.3	2.0	2.5
MONTREAL	126.0	125.9	0.1	2.0	2.4
QUEBEC	126.9	126.7	0.2	2.1	2.4
MARITIME CITIES					
SAINT JOHN, N.B.	129.7	130.1	-0.3	2.1	2.7
HALIFAX	131.6	131.3	0.2	2.9	2.7
CHARLOTTETOWN	131.0	130.8	0.2	3.1	3.2
ST. JOHN'S, NFLD	129.1	128.9	0.2	2.2	2.3
* WINNIPEG RANK (OUT OF 16 CITIES)			14	11	8

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(1) THE MOST COMMONLY USED METHOD OF REPORTING THE INFLATION RATE, BASED ON PERCENT CHANGE FROM THE SAME MONTH ONE YEAR AGO.

(2) COMPARES THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING THIS MONTH WITH THE AVERAGE OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING ONE YEAR EARLIER.

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